

IV.D. Narrative Information Sheet

1. Applicant Information Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 on behalf of the NOACA/Vibrant
NEO Brownfield Coalition ("Coalition")
2. Funding Requested
 - a. Grant Type "RLF Coalition"
 - b. Federal Fund Requested
 - i. \$1,000,000.
 - ii. No cost share waiver requested.
 - c. Contamination Hazardous Substances and Petroleum (\$500,000 hazardous
substances and \$250,000 petroleum).
3. Location Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) five-county
planning area comprised of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties,
which are included in NOACA's Coalition partner's 12-county planning area.
NOACA will partner in a Coalition with the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities
Consortium (NEOSCC). NEOSCC is a 501(c)(3) with a 12-county planning area
comprised of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina,
Portage, Summit, Stark, Trumbull and Wayne counties. The Coalition will also
include all of the cities, villages and townships that are located within the NEOSCC
12-county planning area.
4. Contacts
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Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), 1299 Superior
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 - b. Chief Executive Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, 216-241-2414 ext. 100,
ggallucci@mpo.noaca.org, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
(NOACA), 1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.
5. Population

NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Members	Population
NOACA (Fiscal Agent)	2,062,764
NEOSCC Vibrant NEO Region (12 counties) 501(c)(3)	3,790,170
Ashtabula Township	20,131
City of Cleveland	388,812
City of Lorain	63,731
City of Medina	26,348
Saybrook Township	9,580

6. Other Factors Checklist

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	4
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	No
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	No
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	2
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	No
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	3

7. Letter from State or Tribal Environmental Authority

- a. Letter from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for hazardous substances.
- b. Letter from the state of Ohio's Division of State Fire Marshal Bureaus from the Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks Regulation (BUSTR) program for petroleum.



Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor
Laurie A. Stevenson, Director

November 26, 2019

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
ATTN: Matt Didier
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RE: Northeast Ohio Area wide Coordinating Agency/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Revolving Loan Fund Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Didier:

I am pleased to offer Ohio EPA's support for Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Revolving Loan Fund Grant Proposal. The Coalition is applying for an RLF grant totaling \$1,000,000. We hope to provide support under the Assessment, Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund Grant program established by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfield Revitalization Act (P.L. 107-118).

The funding the Coalition is requesting under the RLF grant proposal would be used to clean up and reinvest in five target areas determined by NOACA and Vibrant NEO. The target areas include Ashtabula Clark station, Ashtabula Lakefront former coal and chemical facilities, Cleveland Foundry, Lorain Pellet Terminal, Medina Plating and Powder Coating company. The funds will enable the Coalition to advance NOACA's and NEOSCC's goals to foster livable, vibrant communities that are safe, healthy, and improve the quality of life for residents. The Coalition plans to leverage funds to work with private investors, JobsOhio, Ohio EPA grant programs, Ohio's Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant, TIFs, tax credits, and federal programs such as the Section 108 Loan Guarantee, Community Development Block Grants, and New Market Tax Credits.

We look forward to working with the NOACA Coalition and U.S. EPA on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 614-644-2295 or via e-mail at Lisa.Shook@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Shook".

Lisa Shook, Manager
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Voluntary Action Program

cc: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, NOACA
Natalie Oryshkewych, Ohio EPA, DERR/NEDO



**Department
of Commerce**

Division of State Fire Marshal

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November 19 , 2019

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RE: Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency/Vibrant NEO Coalition Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant Proposal

Subject: Letter of Support for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency/Vibrant NEO - USEPA Coalition Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant proposal

Dear Mr. Didier:

This letter acknowledges that the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)/Vibrant NEO Coalition, comprised of NOACA and the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium, notified the Office of the Fire Marshal, Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) of its plans to use a portion of the \$1,000,000 grant proposal for a community-wide brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for sites with petroleum waste contamination. The remaining portion of the loan would be used for sites with hazardous waste. The RLF will be used to fund the assessment and remediation of sites within the Opportunity Zones, the Strategic Reinvestment Areas and Asset Risk Areas: specifically, former gas stations, the Ashtabula Lakefront, a former foundry, and other industrial plants. By addressing these areas and others, the RLF will support ongoing efforts to improve livability, add to ongoing redevelopment efforts and provide new economic development and employment opportunities. NOACA/Vibrant NEO plans to combine private investment, other government agencies and community organizations to obtain investment opportunities, grants and financing to cleanup and redevelop sites assessed through this grant.

I am pleased to offer BUSTR's support for the NOACA/Vibrant NEO's Coalition Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grant proposal. We look forward to working with the NOACA and the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium and the U.S.EPA on this project

Sincerely,

Verne A. Ord
Bureau Chief – BUSTR
Division of State Fire Marshal
Ohio Department of Commerce

xc: Site File
Grace Gallucci, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency

1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION (45 Points)

1.a. Target Area and Brownfields (15 points)

1.a.i. Background and Description of Target Area (5 points)

The Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) and the Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC) have formed the NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition (Coalition). NOACA currently acts as the fiscal agent to NEOSCC and will do so for the Coalition. The 12-county NEOSCC 501c(3) was created to oversee the development of the Vibrant NEO 2040 Vision. The Vision “promotes (re)investment and reuse in established communities where infrastructure is in place.” The Vision was developed by and for the people of Northeast Ohio and engaged thousands of Northeast Ohioans in developing it. The Vision identified and prioritized “Strategic Reinvestment Areas” as places that have a stable or growing population and a high density of community assets and existing infrastructure that supports current and likely future development. The Vision also identified “Asset Risk Areas”, places that face declining population and employment, yet they also have a high density of community assets and existing infrastructure that would support reinvestment and future population growth. This application identifies Target Areas that are located within the federally-designated Opportunity Zones as well as regional Strategic Reinvestment Areas or Asset Risk Areas. USEPA has repeatedly recognized the unique challenges of the region – the agency has awarded 73 brownfield grants totaling over \$27 million in the 12 counties since 1994; 31 of these have been issued post-recession since 2010. However, only nine have been cleanup grants, and only four have been revolving loan funds. It is imperative that the NEOSCC region move beyond assessment and aggressively remediate brownfield sites if Northeast Ohio is going to have a prosperous economy and healthy future.

1.a.ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s) (10 points)

The Coalition has identified five sites that are located within Opportunity Zones, regional Strategic Reinvestment Areas and/or Environmental Justice (EJ) communities, and have been prioritized by the public and local elected officials.

Site/Past Uses	Contaminants	Health Effects
Ashtabula Clark Station - Former gas station	Petroleum hydrocarbons	Cancer, soil contamination can leach into drinking water supplies, direct exposure to contaminants
Ashtabula Lakefront 1,000 acres with a variety of past uses – coal fired power plant, chemical & polymer manufacturing	Heavy metals, PCBs, volatile organic compounds, asbestos	Cancer, multiple sclerosis, neurological damage, reproductive problems, organ damage
Cleveland Foundry - Heavy metal processing	Asbestos, Heavy metals, PCBs, benzene & other volatile organic compounds, silica, petroleum, oil	Cancer, multiple sclerosis, neurological damage, reproductive problems, organ damage

Lorain Pellet Terminal - Beryllium processing, iron oxide storage	Beryllium, petroleum, silica	Cancer, respiratory and immunological diseases, heart disease
Medina Plating & Powder Coating	Heavy metals, especially zinc, iron, and nickel	Neurological damage, reproductive problems, organ damage

1.b. Revitalization of the Target Area (15 points)

1.b.i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans (10 points)

Site Name	Intended Reuse & Alignment with Revitalization Plans
Ashtabula Clark Station	Likely infill development within a commercial corridor with grocery store as an anchor. Ashtabula County and Saybrook Township plans identify the US Route 20 Corridor (where this site is located) as a key commercial activity center.
Ashtabula Lakefront	This 1,000 acre site, including lakefront access, will have a variety of reuses. As part of ongoing efforts, the Ashtabula County Port Authority already owns the property and has taken control of a water pumping facility, expanding the capacity from 20 million gallons per day to 200 million gallons. This water supports over 1,500 jobs in the area, including several manufacturing facilities. Further cleanup of the large site will allow for additional industrial water users to locate near the facility, helping to keep costs low and provide supporting jobs. The Ashtabula County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is being updated and is focusing on brownfield revitalization.
Cleveland Foundry	The Cuyahoga County Land Bank sold this property to a private developer with the understanding it required remediation. Vandalism has created an Asbestos issue. The buyer's plan includes an indoor fish production and processing facility, greenhouse, composting, farmer's market, cooking facility, and data server farm.
Lorain Pellet Terminal	The City of Lorain owns this property and it is included in the Lorain Comprehensive Plan's effort to "Make Waterfront Development-Ready". The Plan identifies the Pellet Terminal for highly desirable commercial and residential mixed use, as well as public greenspace along both Lake Erie and the Black River. A request for proposals from developers was issued in the past, but uncertainty about environmental conditions prevented any further action.
Medina Plating & Powder Coating	This currently underutilized site is an industrial area where the City of Medina wants to concentrate these types of facilities away from residents, so new manufacturing facilities are the intended reuse.

1.b.ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy (5 points)

All sites are located within Opportunity Zones, and as described in the table above, the site reuse plans will facilitate economic development. The water pumping facility on the **Ashtabula Lakefront** already supports over 1,500 jobs and can accommodate future

growth as businesses are attracted by the lower cost and proximity to water. The **Ashtabula Gas Station** is representative of the type of petroleum contaminated sites that the Coalition will be targeting. The cleanup of the **Lorain Pellet Terminal** will incentivize reuse and attract businesses and residents who want to be located on the water for its beauty and recreational opportunities. The City of Lorain is focused on creating public waterfront access for residents from throughout the region to enjoy. The **Cleveland Foundry** may seem to have an odd mix of future uses, but they all complement each other with the goal of energy efficiency. Greenhouses can use fish waste as fertilizer, and crops such as leafy greens can even be grown right on top of the water. The farmer's market will provide access to fresh foods in this environmental justice community. The composting facility can make use of food scraps generated in these processes. The data server farm will generate heat, which will be captured and reused to heat the greenhouse and fish facilities. **Medina Plating & Powder Coating** sites are surrounded by other industrial users, and these types of parcels are in high demand once remediated because they have all infrastructure that manufacturing facilities need.

1.c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources (15 points)

1.c.i. Resources Needed for Site Reuse (10 points)

The targeted sites are located within Opportunity Zones, which will help prompt investment for redevelopment. The Coalition will continue to work with private investors, other government agencies and community organizations to obtain investment, grants and financing. The JobsOhio Revitalization Program typically offers over \$40 million annually to redevelopment that could offer a strong leveraging opportunity for projects with confirmed end users. The Coalition also plans to use Ohio EPA and BUSTR's Technical Assistance, the state's Targeted Brownfield Assessment program, and the Ohio Brownfield Fund low-interest loan programs to leverage federal funds. Other opportunities include Ohio's Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), New Market/Historic tax credits, and federal programs such as the Section 108 Loan Guarantee, and Community Development Block funds. The Coalition has also allocated grant funds to hire Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEP) to provide technical advice and ensure the projects are enrolled in Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) and undertake any necessary work to obtain a No Further Action (NFA) letter for each site. The **Ashtabula Lakefront** has already seen significant reinvestment as a result of remediation of some parcels. The Port Authority owns the property and is committed to investing in the water treatment facility. The **Cleveland Foundry** property has a developer who has shown willingness to invest private funding if the property is remediated. The **Lorain Pellet Terminal** is owned by the city and will have access to public funding. The **Ashtabula Gas Station** and **Medina Plating & Powder Coating** are not anticipated to need additional funding, but local officials have made the sites a priority should it be needed. All five sites were provided by local representatives to the Coalition in large part because these local agencies have determined that they are likely to attract private reinvestment once environmental contamination and liability are no longer a concern.

1.c.ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure (5 points)

All projects are located within Opportunity Zones, Strategic Reinvestment Areas, or Asset Risk Areas; these are by definition well-served by existing infrastructure. Across the 12-county Coalition area, there are a combined 748 of these areas, encompassing over 600,000 acres. This means there is an abundance of existing infrastructure that can be optimized.

2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (35 Points)

2.a. Community Need (20 points)

2.a.i. The Community's Need for Funding (5 points)

The table below shows target areas relative to regional, state, and national data; bold indicates greater need. Ashtabula is considered “at risk” by the Appalachian Regional Commission. Medina, while not in the same dire financial situation, faces other challenges. Urban sprawl has encroached and taken over prime farmland and forests, rapidly changing the rural character and having negative environmental impacts.

	Population	Unemployment	Poverty Rate	Percent Minority	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
Ashtabula Clark Station	7,867	7%	34.1%	31.5%	\$32,622	\$17,064
Ashtabula Lakefront	848	1%	29.3%	12.5%	\$38,064	\$21,304
Cleveland Foundry	27,923	13%	58.9%	93.2%	\$17,999	\$11,571
Lorain Pellet Terminal	14,611	9%	32.2%	48.4%	\$34,163	\$17,611
Medina Plating & Powder Coating	7,498	2%	9.9%	9.2%	\$72,690	\$30,568
Vibrant NEO Region	3,790,170	4.5%	15.0%	23.6%	\$51,365	\$29,531
Ohio	11,609,756	4.1%	10.8%	20.4%	\$52,407	\$29,011
United States	321,004,407	4.1%	10.5%	38.5%	\$57,652	\$31,177

2.a.ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations (15 points)

(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations (5 points)

The **Cleveland Foundry** is in Cuyahoga County, where the mortality rate from cancer or cardiovascular disease, infant mortality rate, and blood-lead levels are all higher than the nation. Cleveland has been negatively impacted more significantly than the county, and the foundry site, given its EJ status, likely experiences greater impacts than the city. Lorain County has higher than average rates of cancer mortality, angina or coronary

heart disease, heart attack, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. The **Lorain Pellet Terminal** is in an EJ area with higher rates of poverty and minority populations, so area residents likely have greater health impacts. The **Ashtabula Sites** are in a county with higher than average rates of cancer mortality, heart attack, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, asthma, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or bronchitis. **Medina Plating** is in the 63rd percentile nationally for percentage of residents who are children under 5, and studies show this age group is particularly at-risk. The Coalition will prioritize projects that address threats identified by previously funded brownfield grants.

(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions (5)

The table below shows the national percentile each site falls into for a variety of hazards according to USEPA. The “EJ Index” metrics combine environmental indicators with demographic data into one comprehensive number. These numbers represent the national percentile, so numbers above 50 (in bold) mean residents of the area face excessive exposure to hazards relative to the rest of the country.

Site	PM 2.5	National Air Toxic Ass. Cancer Risk	NATA Respiratory Haz. Index	Lead Paint Indicator	Super-fund Proximity	RMP Proximity	Haz. Waste Proximity
Ashtabula Clark Station	66	64	63	79	80	72	81
Ashtabula Lakefront	57	57	57	41	36	35	29
Cleveland Foundry	90	87	86	93	74	96	97
Lorain Pellet Terminal	72	68	68	86	64	86	68
Medina Plating & Powder Coating	5	12	13	8	17	1	1

Source: USEPA EJ Screen: ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper

(3) Disproportionately Impacted Populations (5 points)

NOACA has adopted an Environmental Justice Communities Policy that goes beyond federal requirements. NOACA defines EJ communities as those with high populations of minorities, low-income residents, elderly, people with disabilities, or low rate of English proficiency. This metric was a selection factor for the Cleveland and Lorain sites. The Coalition will adopt and apply this metric for the 12-County Coalition region. Northeast Ohio has received assessment funding many times in the past and has identified a number of sites and the health impacts at that local level. Many of those applications, including Ashtabula, Cleveland, and Lorain, specifically focused on disproportionately impacted populations.

2.b. Community Engagement (15 points)**2.b.i. Program Partners (5 points) and 2.b.ii. Program Partner Roles (5 points)**

The Coalition will rely on NEOSCC and NOACA's existing organizational structures to engage potential program partners. A Steering Committee will be formed to oversee the development of the Coalition's lending/subgrant priorities. NEOSCC membership includes representation from county and local governments, metroparks, port authorities, economic and community development organizations, county health departments, the non-profit sector, and the private sector including developers and the legal sector. NEOSCC will play a key role in marketing and community outreach. Coalition staff will support the Steering Committee. NOACA will manage the financial components of the Coalition. The Program Partners below will assist in these tasks.

Partner Name	Point of Contact (name, email & Phone	Specific Role in the Project
Ashtabula County: Director of Community Services & Planning	Janice Switzer jgswitzer@ashtabulacounty.us 440-576-3777	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Target Site Liaison
Ashtabula County Port Authority, Executive Director	Sean Ratican sratican@acpaohio.org 440-576-6069	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Target Site Liaison, USEPA Assessment Program Manager
Lorain County Community Development Department, Director	Donald Romancak dromancak@loraincounty.us 440-328-2323	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Target Site Liaison, USEPA Assessment Program Manager
Lorain Port Authority Executive Director	Tom Brown tbrown@lorainportauthority.com 440-204-2269	Potential source of additional funding
Cuyahoga County Department of Development, Brownfield	Janise Bayne jbayne@cuyahogacounty.us 216-698-2574	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Technical Assistance Target Site Liaison
City of Medina Economic Development Department Director	Kimberly Marshall kmarshall@medinaoh.org 330-764-3319	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Target Site Liaison
Medina County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director	Bethany Dentler bdentler@medinacounty.org 330-722-9215	RLF market & community involvement assistance, Target Site Liaison

2.b.iii. Incorporating Community Input (5 points)

The Coalition will require applicants to work with the Coalition and hold a community information gathering meeting prior to application for funding. The Coalition will work with local Community/Economic Development Corporations to identify the adjacent community (1.5 miles radius) and will invite the community (via direct mail, NOACA/NEOSCC websites, press release, and electronic/print news media) to a meeting where the potential applicant will present current site conditions and planned end uses. The Coalition will facilitate a discussion where the community can ask questions, raise concerns and offer suggestions. The Coalition will also provide opportunities for the community to submit questions, comments, and suggestions online or in written form (preaddressed/postage paid envelopes). The Coalition will also “check in” with the community during construction and post-construction via email/mail/web surveys.

3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS (75)

3.a. Program Description and Marketing Strategy (20 points)

3.a.i. Program Management (5 points)

NOACA will act as fiscal manager. NOACA and NEOSCC will enter into a memorandum of understanding forming the NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition. NEOSCC staff is provided by NOACA and will be supported by an additional \$50,000 (\$10,000 annually) in-kind Coalition staff funding. A Coalition Steering Committee will be created and include NOACA's Executive Director, NEOSCC's President, representatives from the region's brownfield programs, and regional lending experts from the banking and finance industries. Many counties in Northeast Ohio have Economic Development RLF that all have banking professionals in advisory roles; the Coalition will seek Steering Committee members from these existing funds. RLF applications will be accepted on a quarterly, rolling competitive process and reviewed by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will assist NOACA in developing a methodology for selecting borrowers and subgrantees that provide preference points for projects in Opportunity Zones, Strategic Reinvestment Areas, and EJ communities.

3.a.ii. Revolution of the RLF Program (10 points)

The Revolving Loan Fund would provide gap financing to owners of contaminated properties for remediation. Lending policies would require substantial investment by other parties and the owners, a demonstration of the financial capacity to repay the loan, a detailed description of the project including how it will meet cleanup goals, and collateral adequate to support the risk undertaken. Loan terms will include below market interest rates and would be guided by the nature (economics and end use) of the project. Loan and application fees will be charged. Whenever possible, loan payments would be monthly and would not extend beyond three to five years post-cleanup project completion in order to facilitate fund revolution. Loan repayments would be actively monitored and collected in order to maximize the number of loans that can be made. Staff will continue to report outcomes and outputs to the EPA after the cooperative agreement has ended.

3.a.iii. Marketing Strategy (5 points)

The Coalition has engaged local stakeholders, previous grant applicants and recipients, and USEPA Region V to discuss needs. The Coalition presented intent to apply for a grant to NOACA and NEOSCC Boards of Directors, and their members all expressed interest. The Coalition, working with NOACA's External Engagement & Public Affairs Division, will issue a press release announcing the formation of the Coalition and its intent to apply. Coalition staff will take the lead in marketing and community engagement. Staff will work with the Program's Partners to develop and distribute marketing materials to interested stakeholders and potential applicants. Additionally, Coalition staff will develop a presentation that will be included in both NOACA and NEOSCC's Speaker's Bureaus. The Coalition will develop a webpage hosted by NOACA and shared on NEOSCC website. Staff will also optimize the social media presence of both NOACA and NEOSCC.

3.b. i-iv. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs (25 points)

The following table summarizes each of the Tasks included in the budget by the following categories **Program Implementation, Anticipated Project Schedule, Task/Activity Lead, and Outputs.**

Task/Activity 1: Marketing & Community Involvement
i. Program Implementation: <u>Prior to award:</u> NOACA/NEFCO staff contacted regional stakeholders to gauge the need for a RLF program (presentations to NOACA/NEFCO Board of Directors, emails/calls to potential county/city partners, site owners, etc. NOACA met with USEPA Region V (before RFA was issued) to discuss regional need for a RLF program. NOACA issued a press release, announcing NOACA's intent to apply on behalf of the NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition. <u>Upon RLF Award:</u> Coalition staff will develop RLF marketing brochures, Opportunity Zone benefits fact sheet and requirements/expectations to guide Target Area community involvement meetings; present to the Steering Committee for review/comment. Staff will finalize marketing materials for distribution to Program Partners, NOACA/ NEOSCC Board, develop social media presence (webpage, Facebook page, etc.). Staff will develop marketing materials that will be used when loans/grants are awarded (press releases, signage, social media announcements, etc. (1/2021) <u>Throughout/Ongoing:</u> Issue notices of when applications are being accepted, work with applicants to schedule/hold Community Involvement meetings, announce loan/subgrant awards.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: Report quarterly to NOACA/NEOSCC beginning January 2020, NEOSCC meets January/April/July/November, NOACA March/June/September/December
iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): Coalition & NOACA Staff
iv. Output(s): Press releases/announcements, presentations, brochures, fact sheets (hazardous/petroleum), Community Involvement Meeting Guidelines, agendas, sign-in sheets, etc.
Task/Activity 2: RLF Management NOACA Staff, Billie Geyer, CPA
i. Program Implementation: <u>Prior to award:</u> NOACA/NEOSCC will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to form the Coalition. Staff will identify/recruit Steering Committee members. <u>Upon award:</u> Ratify Steering Committee

responsibilities to report/recommend projects to NOACA's Finance & Audit Committee (NFAC) and NEOSCC Board prior to NOACA Board (fiscal agent) action. Issues RFQs for QEPs, work with Steering Committee to select at least one QEP, NOACA staff will contract for services. Draft/present NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Grant Guidelines to Steering Committee for review/recommendation to NEOSCC Board & NFAC for recommendation NOACA Board for approval.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: <u>Prior to award:</u> NOACA will review Cuyahoga County's Brownfield RLF program guidelines and Lending Policies Manual. <u>Upon award:</u> NOACA work with USEPA develop/finalize Work Plan and Program Guidelines (including underwriting, servicing, fees, credit analysis, short & long term lending methodology, etc.). NOACA will present the draft Program Guidelines to NEOSCC/NFAC for recommendation to NOACA Board (12/20). Develop loan/subgrant application/process; roll out Spring/Summer 2021. <u>Ongoing:</u> Oversee quarterly competitive application process. Develop contractual materials. Annually review/update/report any changes to RLF management strategies.
iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): NOACA CPA and Legal Counsel, Coalition Staff, QEP(s)
iv. Output(s): MOA, Work Program, draft/final NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Program Guidelines, Loan/Subgrant documents/applications, presentations, technical memos, etc.
Tasks/Activities 3: Loans/Subgrants Hazardous & Petroleum
i. Program Implementation: <u>Prior to award:</u> NOACA obtained letters of support for hazardous & petroleum efforts. <u>Upon award:</u> Issue press release, call for interested Steering Committee, RFQ request/hire for QEPs <u>Ongoing:</u> Coalition staff will work with QEPs to oversee site clean-ups.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: <u>Prior to award:</u> Program Partners were consulted/agreed there was a regional need. <u>Upon award:</u> Once the Program Guidelines and marketing/community involvement materials are completed, a call for applicants will be issued according to the quarterly rolling process. QEP(s) will be assigned to projects to provide cleanup oversight, site visits, and compliance with state and federal regulations; ensure cleanup is complete and documented through a state regulatory program. <u>Ongoing:</u> Coalition staff will work with NOACA to ensure reporting is filed throughout/post 5-year.
iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): Coalition Staff, QEPs, NOACA Staff (Billie Geyer)
iv. Output(s): Call for applicants, Monthly QEP reports
Task/Activity 4: Administration
i. Program Implementation: <u>Prior award:</u> NOACA staff will set up cost account program/task numbers. <u>Upon award:</u> Review/report according to approved Work Program. <u>Ongoing:</u> Develop quarterly financial reports for NEOSCC Board/NFAC.
ii. Anticipated Project Schedule: <u>Prior to award:</u> Not applicable. <u>Upon award:</u> Reporting as required by approved Work Program. <u>Ongoing:</u> Reporting as required by approved Work Program.
iii. Task/Activity Lead(s): NOACA Staff (Billie Geyer), Coalition Staff, QEPs (as needed)
iv. Output(s): Reporting as required by approved Work Program, quarterly financial statements

3.c.i-iv Cost Estimates (25 points)

Cost estimates for personnel, fringe benefits, and travel in Tasks 1, 2, and 3 are based on representative hourly rates for NOACA staff/anticipated level of effort. Level of effort estimates based on discussions with local agencies that manage related programs.

Budget Categories		Project Tasks				
		Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Total
		Marketing Community Involvement	Fund Management	RLF Loan/Subgran t Program (%50)	Administrative Oversight (5%)	
Direct Costs	Personnel	28,525	24,804	-	24,804	78,133
	Fringe Benefits	17,591	15,297	-	15,297	48,184
	Travel	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	Supplies	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	Contractual	-	-	82,500	-	82,500
	Other - Loans (must be at least 50% of the amount requested)	-	-	400,000	-	400,000
	Other-Loans (must be at least 50% of the amount requested)- Petroleum	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
	Other-Subgrants Hazardous	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
	Other-Subgrants Petroleum	-	-	150,000	-	150,000
	Other Direct Costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Total Direct Costs	56,116	40,100	832,500	40,100	968,817
Indirect Costs		11,384	9,899	-	9,899	31,183
Total Federal Funding (not to exceed \$1,000,000)		67,500	50,000	832,500	50,000	1,000,000
Cost share (20% of requested federal funds)		50,000	-	150,000	-	200,000
Total Budget (Total Direct Costs + Indirect Costs + Cost Share)		117,500	50,000	982,500	50,000	1,200,000

Travel supplies will support marketing/community involvement activities and attendance at a USEPA Brownfield Conference. Supplies will include marketing materials and signage for each sites. Contractual costs included in Task 3 are based on representative hourly rates for QEP(s) and anticipated level of effort to provide technical assistance to the Steering Committee and oversee project site cleanups. The majority of funding will go directly to remediation efforts. Loans and subgrants are distinguished for hazardous substances (\$400,000 in loans, \$100,000 subgrants) and petroleum funds (\$100,000 in loans, \$150,000 in subgrants). In the Budget Table above, \$500,000 is allocated for loans; (\$400,000 hazardous, \$100,000 petroleum). For Task 1, NOACA will provide \$50,000 in in-kind staff cost share. For Task 3, the Coalition will require each applicant to provide a 20% cost share.

3.d. Measuring Environmental Results (5 points)

Coalition Staff and NOACA will track the Coalition's outputs, including project types, acreage, end use, zip codes, population affected, jobs created/retained, etc. and report to USEPA and NOACA and Vibrant NEO Boards of Directors at their quarterly meetings, which are all open to the public. NOACA will update USEPA and Ohio EPA databases when necessary, and submit all reports to USEPA.

4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE (30 Points)

4.a. Programmatic Capability (20 points)

4.a.i. Organizational Structure (5 points)

NOACA will act as the fiscal agent. NOACA's Executive Director, NEOSCC President/Vice President and Coalition staff will organize/oversee a Steering Committee that will review and recommend loan and subgrant methodologies and projects for funding. Coalition Staff will present the Steering Committee's recommendations to the NEOSCC Board of Directors and NOACA Finance and Audit Committee for recommendations to NOACA's Board of Directors who will award the project funding.

4.a.ii. Description of Key Staff (10 points)

Grace Gallucci, Executive Director, NOACA and President of Vibrant NEO: Ms. Gallucci has 30 years of finance and planning experience. Previous roles have included Deputy Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer at the Chicago Regional Transit Authority; Director of Office of Management & Budget and Director of Finance for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. In these roles she has been responsible for managing budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars and leading several dozen staff members. She has B.S. in Business Administration, a Master of Public Administration and M.S. in Urban Studies. **Billie Geyer, CPA, Comptroller, NOACA,** will act as the fund manager and provide underwriting and financial oversight. She will perform the administrative grant requirements including financial reporting. She has 8 years of experience at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as a bank examiner assessing the quality of loan portfolios and the adequacy of and compliance with loan policies and procedures. She has also worked at Cleveland State University, consulting and researching in the area of public finance, and as a finance and accounting professional at several local government agencies and not-for-profit organizations. She has a B.S. in Accounting, an M.S. in Urban Studies and is a Certified Public Accountant

(CPA). **NOACA Legal Counsel/staff** will be made available as needed. **Coalition staff** will act as the Project Director and support the Steering Committee.

4.a.iii. Acquiring Additional Resources (5 points)

Susanna Merlone, EMBA, NOACA Procurement Director will manage the procurement of QEP(s). She will vet scopes of work, finalize and distribute the RFP/RFQ's, and lead the procurement process on behalf of the Steering Committee. NOACA regularly procures and manages consultants and contractors for a wide variety of projects, from regional planning, engineering, and economic modeling to building maintenance. These outside vendors are always identified through a public request for qualifications process in accordance with NOACA's procurement procedures.

4.b. Past Performance and Accomplishments (10 points)

4.b.i. and 4.b.iii. - Not Applicable

4.b.ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non Federal Assistance Agreements (10 points)

(1) Purpose and Accomplishments (5 points)

In 2009, the Partnership for Sustainable Communities awarded NEOSCC \$4.25 million to generate a long-term vision for a 12-county region with four metropolitan areas. NEOSCC, a collaboration of 33 board member organizations, matched this with an additional \$2.2 million in financial, facilities and services support. NOACA served as fiscal agent. The Vibrant NEO effort engaged hundreds of elected and appointed officials and over 5,600 residents. Outputs included a Conditions & Trends web-based Platform; Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and Fair Housing Equity Assessment; regional parcel-level land use and zoning maps; public feedback library to make all public input visible; tool kit and best practices; policy framework; pilot projects; and metrics of future success. NEOSCC coordinated five work stream committees: Economic Development; Environment; Housing and Communities; Transportation; and Quality Connected Places. These committees represented over 120 organizations, held 27 large public events throughout 2013 and conducted two statistically valid surveys (online and telephone). An interactive online tool called "Imagine My NEO" allowed participants to explore policy options, investments and trade-offs to frame their personal vision for the future. In 2015, the American Planning Association awarded NEOSCC and NOACA the Daniel Burnham Award for *Vibrant NEO 2040*, its highest honor for a comprehensive plan (which included Brownfield reuse as one of nine key recommendations).

(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements (5 points)

NOACA/NEOSCC collaborated with the federal agencies to arrive at agreed upon workplans, schedules and deliverables. The Vibrant NEO effort was completed on time and on budget. As described above, NOACA/NEOSCC invested significant financial and other resources into a variety of outputs; all agreed upon and overseen by federal agencies. NEOSCC and NOACA will bring this same level of diligence to the brownfield grant administration of a revolving loan fund grant.

NOACA Threshold Criteria Response Attachment(s)

- A statement of applicant eligibility if a city, county, state, or tribe (see Section III.B.1.)
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
- Documentation of applicant eligibility if other than city, county, state, or tribe; e.g., resolutions, statutes, documentation of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or qualified community development entity (see Section III.B.1.)
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
- Description of Jurisdiction (see Section III.B.2.)
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
- Description of cleanup oversight (see Section III.B.3.a.)
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
- Legal opinion establishing that the applicant has authority to
 - (1) access and secure sites in the event of an emergency or default of a loan agreement or non-performance under a subgrant; and
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
 - (2) to make loans and accept payments of fees, interest, and principal (see Section III.B.3.b.)
- Discussion on how the cost share will be met; or a cost share waiver request, if applicable (see Section III.B.4.)
Please See NOACA's Legal Opinion Attached
- Discussion on how the cost share will be met; or a cost share waiver request, if applicable (see Section III.B.4.)
NOACA will provide \$50,000 in cost share and loan/subgrant applicants will be required to provide a 20% cost share for each project (to reach \$200,000)

Additional Requirements for RLF Coalitions:

- A signed letter of commitment from each coalition member or an active Memorandum of Agreement, if applicable (see Section III.B.1.) Coalitions must document how all coalition members are eligible entities.
Please See NEOSCC/Vibrant NEO 2040 Letter of Support & Commitment Attached and NEOSCC 501c(3) State of Ohio Certification

November 25, 2019

Ms. Grace Gallucci
Executive Director
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency
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Beachwood, Ohio 44122
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Dear Grace:

You have asked us to provide a legal opinion regarding the authority of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to manage a revolving loan fund under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) Brownfield Program Revolving Loan Fund (the "Program"). Based on our review of the elements of the Program, NOACA's designated authority as a metropolitan planning organization under 23 U.S.C. §134(d) and the regulations promulgated thereunder, and relevant state and federal statutes as describe below, we are of the opinion that NOACA has legal authority to manage such a fund and the required elements of the Program.

USEPA Brownfield Program Revolving Loan Fund

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §103, as amended, provides the basis for the USEPA's Brownfields Program, which provides guidance, standards, and various funding mechanisms to assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. One such mechanism is the Program, which provides funding in the form of loans or grants to assist with cleanup activities at brownfield sites. NOACA has applied to the USEPA for a grant under the Program, by which NOACA would then provide subawards to qualified applicants within its planning area for such cleanup activities.

NOACA

NOACA is a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) as defined and designated by 23 U.S.C. §134(d) and 23 C.F.R. §450.310. As a regional MPO, NOACA serves the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina, with responsibility for comprehensive transportation planning for the area. NOACA has been designated by the Governor of the State of Ohio as the agency responsible for water quality planning in its five-county region, pursuant to Section 208(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act (Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.). NOACA has also been designated by the Governor of the State of Ohio as the



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agency responsible for air quality planning in its five-county region, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §7407 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §7401 et seq.). Because of these designations, NOACA receives federal funding for the administration and fulfillment of its air and water quality planning activities.

NOACA was formed by the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina by the authority granted to county governments under O.R.C. §307.15, which provides that political subdivisions in the State of Ohio may enter into agreements with other such entities. O.R.C. §307.15(A)(1) states in relevant part:

... [T]he board of county commissioners may enter into an agreement with the legislative authority of any municipal corporation, township, port authority, water or sewer district, school district, library district, health district, park district, soil and water conservation district, water conservancy district, or other taxing district, or with the board of any other county, and such legislative authorities may enter into agreements with the board of county commissioners, whereby the board undertakes, and is authorized by the contracting subdivision, to exercise any power, perform any function, or render any service, on behalf of the contracting subdivision or its legislative authority, that such subdivision or legislative authority may exercise, perform, or render

The authority of counties in Ohio to make agreements with other counties and political subdivisions, and the exercise of powers then permitted by such agreements, is further described in O.R.C. §302.21, which states in part:

The boards of county commissioners of any two or more counties may contract with each other or by contract create any joint agency to exercise any power, perform any function, or render any service which any board of county commissioners may exercise, perform, or render.

The authority of each county, through its board of county commissioners, or through a county executive if an alternative form of government is adopted pursuant to O.R.C. §302.02, is further set forth in O.R.C. §302.12, which provides:

The board of county commissioners is the policy-determining body of the county. Except as otherwise provided by sections 302.01 to 302.24, inclusive, of the Revised Code, it has all the powers and duties vested by law in boards of county commissioners. All powers and duties which may be vested by law in counties or in county officers or agencies, or which may be transferred to the county by action of a township or municipality under authority of Section 1 of Article X, Ohio

Constitution, and which are not assigned by law to any department, office, or body existing under the alternative form of government in force, shall be exercised or performed by the board or by the department, office, or body designated by resolution of the board.

The various powers specifically conferred upon counties by the Ohio Revised Code include the following, as set forth in O.R.C. §301.13.

(E) Acquire, construct, maintain, administer, rent, and lease property including buildings and other public improvements as provided by law;

(F) Cooperate or join by contract pursuant to section 302.21 of the Revised Code with any city, county, state, or political subdivision or agency thereof, or with the United States or any agency thereof, for the planning, development, construction, acquisition, or operation of any public improvement or facility, or for a common service; and may provide the terms upon which the county shall perform any of the services and functions of any municipality or political subdivision in the county;

(G) Accept, in the name of the county, gifts, devises, bequests, and grants-in-aid from any person, firm, corporation, city, county, state, or political subdivision or agency thereof, or from the United States or any agency thereof.

In addition, counties are specifically granted the power to “participate in, give financial assistance to, and cooperate with other agencies or organizations, either private or governmental, in establishing and operating any federal program enacted by the congress of the United States, or with any such agency or organization that is receiving federal funds pursuant to a federal program, and for such purpose may adopt any procedures and take any action not prohibited by the constitution of Ohio nor in conflict with the laws of this state.” O.R.C. §302.85

Pursuant to NOACA’s Code of Regulations, its governing document, duly adopted by its five member counties, NOACA is granted the following specific powers:

The Agency shall act as a comprehensive transportation and environmental planning organization. In so doing it shall plan and coordinate the following four distinct but interrelated areas as: (i) the federal and state designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for transportation planning; (ii) the federal designated areawide water quality management planning agency for the five-county area, including the Northeast Ohio Lake Erie Basin (NEOLEB) planning area; (iii) the federal designated planning agency to address transportation-related

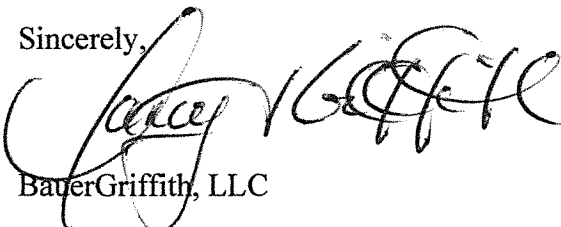
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November 25, 2019
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air quality issues in the five-county area; and (iv) planning and support coordination to the region, as directed by the NOACA Board of Directors, for limited environmental management and transportation planning assistance to member communities and other public agencies and non-governmental organizations.

As described and defined by the USEPA, “a brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.” USEPA, *Overview of EPA's Brownfields Program*, epa.gov, October 4, 2019, <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/overview-epas-brownfields-program>. The assessment, cleanup and reuse of brownfield sites has been demonstrated to improve both air and water quality in surrounding areas. USEPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, *Air and Water Quality Impacts of Brownfields Redevelopment: A study of Five Communities*, epa.gov, April 2011, <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/bfenviroimpacts042811.pdf>. As the regional planning agency designated with responsibility for air and water quality planning in its planning area, the inclusion of brownfield planning and cleanup falls within the scope of NOACA's statutorily mandated activities.

Because of NOACA's designation as the responsible agency for regional air and water quality planning, and because it operates with the power and authority of its five member counties pursuant to Ohio law, we are of the opinion that NOACA possesses the legal authority to manage the Program as required by the provisions of the application conditions, specifically, that it has the authority to access and secure sites in the event of an emergency or default of a loan agreement or non-performance under a subgrant, to hold funds, make loans, enter into loan agreements, and collect repayments for loans or grants awarded to qualified projects under the Program.

Sincerely,



BauerGriffith, LLC

Ms. Grace Gallucci, President
Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium (NEOSCC)
Vibrant NEO 2040
1299 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

November 27, 2019

Ms. Grace Gallucci, Executive Director
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)
1299 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

RE: Support for NOACA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Application and
NEOSCC/Vibrant NEO Commitment as a Coalition Member:

Dear Executive Director Gallucci:

This letter serves to notify NOACA and USEPA that NEOSCC (dba Vibrant NEO 2040) supports NOACA's application to USEPA's FY 2020 Revolving Loan Fund Grant program and commits to be an active member to the NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition.

Page 12 of the Notice of Funding Announcement (NFA) requires that all coalition members must submit a signed letter to the grant applicant in which they agree to be part of the coalition. Further, all coalition members must document how they are eligible entities. NEOSCC is a nonprofit corporation organized under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and documentation of this has been included.

The NEOSCC Board of Directors look forward to entering into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) upon grant award.

Sincerely,



Grace Gallucci, President
NEOSCC/Vibrant NEO

cc: Lawrence Hall, Coalition staff
Pamela L. Davis, NOACA staff



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Witness my hand and the seal of the
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Northeast Ohio Sustainable Communities Consortium

Name of the Registrant

Note: If the registrant is a partnership, please provide the name of the partnership. Individual partner names are not permitted but are required on page 2 of the form.

Registrant's Entity Number (if registered with Ohio Secretary of State): 1988249

All registrants must complete the information in this section

The general nature of business conducted by the registrant:

A nonprofit with the mission "to create conditions for a more vibrant, resilient, and sustainable Northeast Ohio that is full of vitality, a good steward of its built and natural resources, and that is adaptable and responsive to change". The organization in February 2014 adopted a framework for Northeast Ohio communities to be financially and environmentally sustainable. The consortium now works to implement this document.

Business address:

1299 Superior Avenue

Mailing Address

 Cleveland
 City

 Ohio
 State

 44114
 ZIP Code

Complete the information in this section if registrant is a partnership NOT registered in Ohio pursuant to ORC 1776, if partnership is registered, provide registration number on page one.

Provide the name and address of at least one general partner:

Name

Address

NOTE: Pursuant to OAG 89-081, if a general partner is a foreign corporation/limited liability company, it must be licensed to transact business in Ohio; if a general partner is a foreign corporation/limited liability company licensed in Ohio under an assumed name, please provide the assumed name and the name as registered in its jurisdiction of formation.

By signing and submitting this form to the Ohio Secretary of State, the undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has the requisite authority to execute this document.

Required

Application must be signed by the registrant or an authorized representative.


Signature

If authorized representative is an individual, then they must sign in the "signature" box and print their name in the "Print Name" box.

By (if applicable)

Grace Gallucci

Print Name

If authorized representative is a business entity, not an individual, then please print the business name in the "signature" box, an authorized representative of the business entity must sign in the "By" box and print their name in the "Print Name" box.



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Name of Entity	NORTHEAST OHIO SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES CONSORTIUM
Charter/Registration Number	1988249

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REQUIRED

Reinstatement must
 be signed by an authorized
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If authorized representative
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 of the business entity must sign
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 Signature

 By (if applicable)

 GRACE GALLUCCI
 Print Name

 Signature

 By (if applicable)

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
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☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
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* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

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* 3. Date Received:

12/03/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0777647930000

d. Address:

* Street1: 1299 Superior Avenue

Street2:

* City: Cleveland

County/Parish:

* State: OH: Ohio

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 44114-3204

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Office of the Comptroller

Division Name:

Accounting

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Grace

Middle Name:

* Last Name: Gallucci

Suffix:

Title: Executive Director

Organizational Affiliation:

Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA)

* Telephone Number: 216-241-2414

Fax Number: 216-621-3024

* Email: ggallucci@mpo.noaca.org

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-06

* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANTS

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

NOACA/Vibrant NEO Brownfield Coalition Revolving Loan Fund Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="50,000.00"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,200,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☒ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: